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Education

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY, BLACKSBURG
 2003 Doctor of Philosophy, *in Human Development*

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI, INDIA
 1991 Master of Arts, *in English Literature*

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL, DARJEELING, INDIA
 1998 Bachelor of Arts, *Honors in English Literature*

Experience

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE, BROWNSVILLE
 2003 – Present Lecturer, [Childcare and Development](#)

- Teaching Child Development courses
- Coordinating and supervising students' field experiences
- Providing pedagogical advice to the university Child Development Center

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY, BLACKSBURG
 2001 – 2002 University Mentor, [Department of Teaching and Learning](#)

- Serving as mentor for student interns enrolled in the alternate graduate program

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY, BLACKSBURG
 2000 – 2001 Head Teacher, [Child Development Laboratory School](#)

- Serving as teacher for infants aged 2 – 24months
- In charge of curriculum development and planning as well as assessment
- Assisting in the professional development and preparation of undergraduate students enrolled in the ECE program
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ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL # 33, ROCHESTER, NY

1994 - 1995 *Volunteer Story Teller*

- Told interactive stories to Kindergarten children, three hours every week
- Helped the Librarian with re-shelving and inventory keeping

YOUNG MEDIA PUBLICATIONS, NEW DELHI, INDIA

1991 - 1992 *Sub-Editor*

- Interviewed heads of States
- Coordinated and created special magazine issues on various States of India
- Raised funds

ARMY SCHOOL, HQ, NORTH BENGAL SUB AREA, C/O 99APO,
INDIA

1988 - 1989 *Kindergarten Teacher*

- Instrumental in remodeling the Kindergarten classrooms.
- Substituted in the afternoons to teach English in the 7-8th Grades

LORETO COLLEGE SOUTHFIELD, NORTH BENGAL UNIVERSITY,
DARJEELING, INDIA

1983-1988 *Volunteer Social Worker*

- Taught health and hygiene to children in village schools on Saturdays
- Participated in the National move to eradicate Polio. Walking miles every week to administer oral vaccine to children unable to come to hospitals or clinics
- Worked with a Catholic Nun in the rehabilitation of cured leprosy patients

Research Papers

- A qualitative exploration of minority student experiences with issues of diversity at Virginia Tech (with Dr. Melanie Uttech. **Work in progress**, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies)
- The conflict dilemma: To intervene or not to intervene (**Accepted for publication** by the National Organization of Child Development Lab School Newsletter)
- Strategies in interaction among preschool children (Declaration of Intent; HD-5964)
- Moral Autonomy, Shared Understanding, and the Nature of Children's Conflict: A Classroom Experience (**Work in progress**, Dept. of Human Development, Virginia Tech)
- Conflict: Its role in the development of peer culture (with Deborah. W Tegano and Victoria R. Fu. **Work in progress**, Dept. of Human Development, Virginia Tech)
- The effect of motherhood on educational achievement relative to aspirations. (with Jennifer Aschermann; EDRE-6794)

Conference Presentations

- Discovering the world through social pretense play: An interpretative approach to childhood socialization. National Association for the Education of Young Children, November 2000
- Staffing child development centers: Creative ideas and solutions for promoting quality in half and full day centers. Pre-conference session; National Association for the Education of Young Children, November 2000
- Shared Understanding and the Nature of Children's Conflict: A Classroom Experience. Paper Presentation. The Southeastern Symposium on Child and Family Development. April 2001

References

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